

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Zanzibar

a. The Indian High Commissioner in eastern Africa returned from a week-end visit to Zanzibar convinced that Karume has lost control and that the island will end up as a "Communist showcase."

b. His gloomy prediction may not be too wide of the mark. The Communist element, led by Foreign Minister Babu, "a dangerous and intelligent man," is chalking up point after point at the expense of Karume and the moderates.

d. On the political side, he has been spotting his adherents in Karume's Afro-Shirazi Party, and may shortly be in a position to manipulate that organization.

e. As the situation develops, East African leaders, though concerned, have been disinclined to put their hands into the buzzsaw.

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2. Sudan

a. The attempt of the Abbud government to impose compulsory instruction in Islam and use of Arabic on southern negroes has sharpened separatist tendencies in the area.

b. Dissident southerners have in recent months carried out a series of harassing raids on government posts.

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c. The government has reacted by stepping up its military action against the southerners.

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3. Cyprus

a. The island has been quiet so far today. It is Greek Independence Day, and the Turkish Cypriots, fearing new incidents, are being careful not to provoke the Greek side.

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c. Makarios points out that the British were quite wrong to insist on the Nicosia "green line" and on treating the Turkish community as a legal entity.

d. In the Archbishop's view the situation will turn for the better if only the UN force will "cooperate" and the Turkish Cypriots "have confidence" in his government.

e. This does not seem too likely. The Turkish Cypriots by all reports are despondent and many feel their cause is lost. Few will care to place their trust in their fellow islanders.

f. Agreement has been reached all around on the Finn, Tuomioja, as mediator, but little confidence is expressed anywhere that he will be able to make much headway in the three months the force will be on Cyprus.

g. If the UN presence does succeed in keeping the island calm, there will still remain immense relief and resettlement problems. Some 50,000 Turkish and 6,000 Greek Cypriots may have been displaced by the fighting since mid-December.

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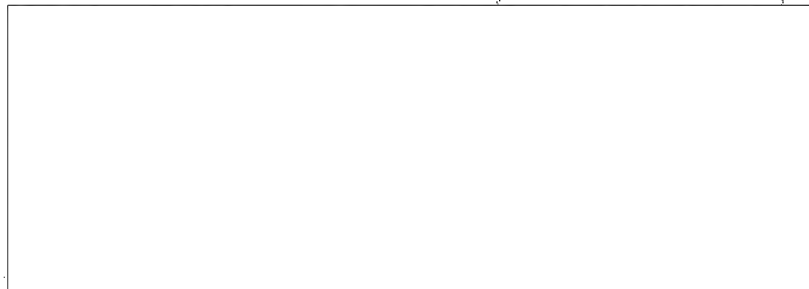
4. Sino-Soviet
Dispute

a. Evidence is piling up that there will be a meeting of East European Communist leaders in Moscow during the celebration of Khrushchev's seventieth birthday on 17 April. This is likely to be a big occasion, and other Communist leaders will be in town to pay their respects.

b. The Soviet Premier may take advantage of the occasion to push his scheme for a meeting of all Communist leaders to deal with the Chinese.

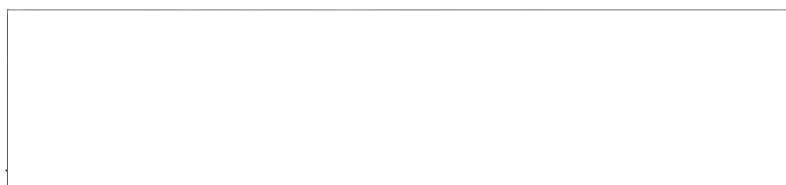
c. A number of parties question the wisdom of such a conference, however, fearing it could have no other result than to widen the breach in the world movement.

d. Most of these would prefer to temporize in the hope that something will turn up to spare all concerned further embarrassment.




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g. The Soviets have been moving troops toward the border area 

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5. South Korea

a. The students were in the streets again today for further demonstrations against the Pak Government's "humiliating diplomacy" toward Japan. They are demanding a policy of no concessions to Tokyo.

b. A number of students are staging a sit-down strike before the National Assembly and the presidential mansion. So far the police have met the demonstrations with restraint.

c. The loser in this could well turn out to be Kim Chong-pil who is in Tokyo trying to break the impasse in Korean-Japanese negotiations.

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d. Yesterday's demonstrators denounced "national traitors" and asked for Kim's recall.

e. Kim has long been a controversial figure, and there are many, both in and out of the regime, who would like to break his power and may feel they now have a live issue.

6. India-Pakistan

a. Though the latest wave of Hindu-Muslim strife seems largely under control for the moment, we are not at all confident that the lid can be kept on for long.

b. Each new outburst creates a new group of refugees who find their way to their communal brothers across the borders bearing tales of brutality. These provide in many cases the spark for new outbursts.

c. Some 3,000 Hindu refugees from East Pakistan are being processed daily through Calcutta to rehabilitation centers in central India, and the recent riots in eastern India will doubtless send a new wave of Moslem refugees into East Pakistan.

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d. Local authorities, beset with their own problems, have generally been slow to react, and order is restored only when troops appear on the scene.

e. There is also the nagging problem of Kashmir, where yesterday, by Indian accounts, 24 Pakistani soldiers were killed when they crossed the cease-fire line into India.

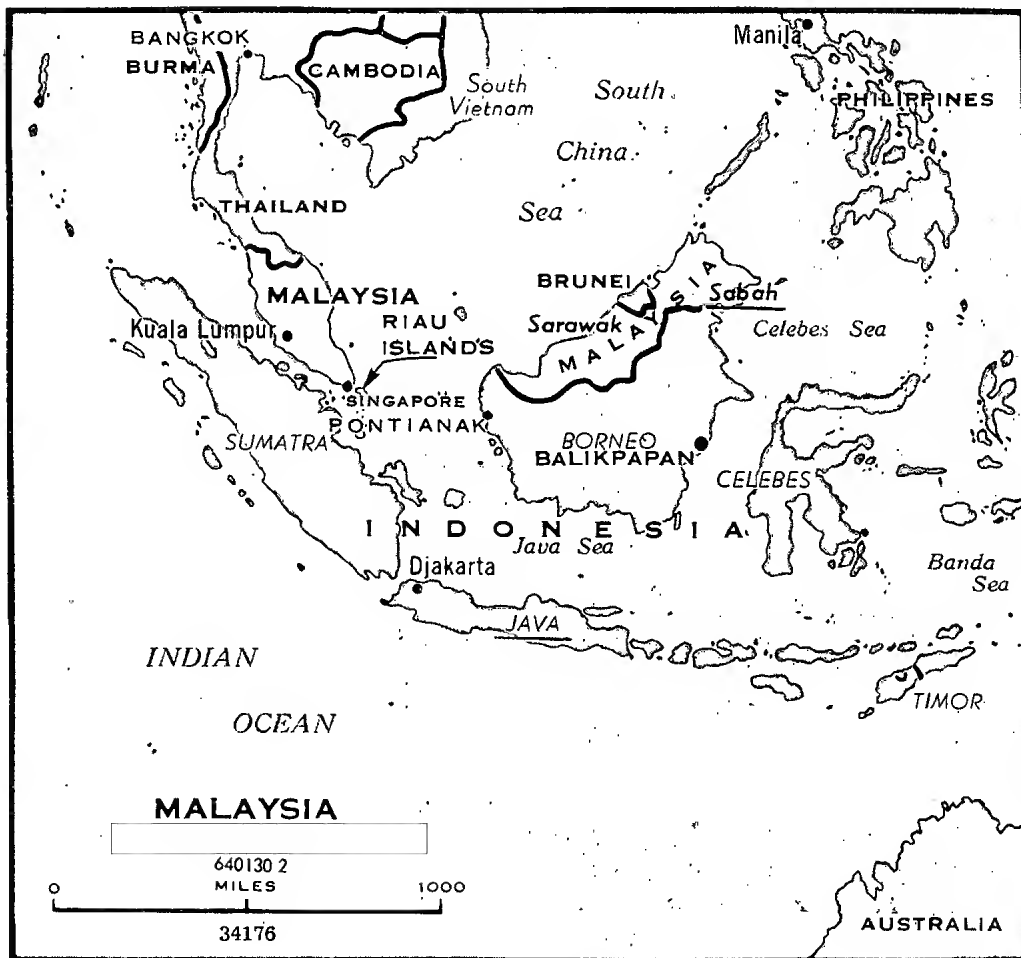
7. Laos

a. A defector has come out of Phong Saly Province, where the Chinese Communists wield special influence, with a story of plans afoot there for a "true neutralist" government with the key portfolios reserved for Pathet Lao bigwigs.

b. This strikes us as the sort of contingency plan that might well recommend itself to the Communists, and we had picked up whispers in January that something of this nature was in the wind.

c. The scheme will probably not be surfaced unless Souvanna bugs out or becomes, in Pathet Lao eyes, irretrievably entangled with Phoumi's rightists.

d. The Communists would also like to see what can be made of a tripartite meeting, preparations for which are still inching along in the usual Lao-tian style.



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8. Indonesia-
Malaysia

a. Rumors are going about this morning that a Maphilindo summit meeting has been quietly set up for Tokyo in early May.

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- A. Chile It now looks like the Radical Party will endorse Allende for president. The party, which has polled about 20% of the Chilean vote in the past, may be able to swing the election to Allende and his Communist friends if the party leaders can keep the rank and file in line. Frei, the other major candidate still in the field, is betting they cannot.

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- C. Panama Banana workers in western Panama have struck the United Fruit Company, idling about 1,000 of the company's 5,000 employees in the area. There is a possibility that the strike may spread after Easter. Bananas are Panama's primary source of foreign exchange.

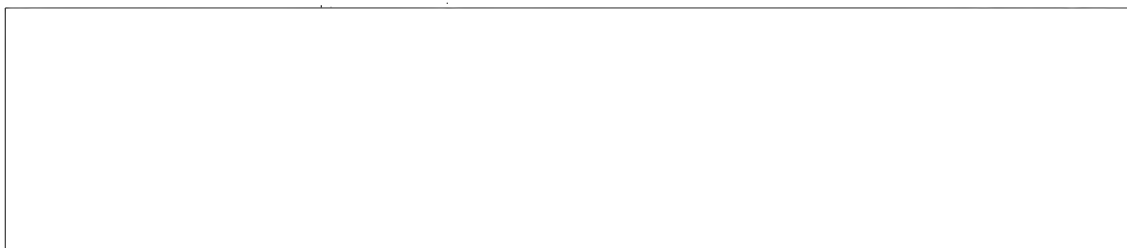
- D. Mexico-US An American shrimp boat was seized yesterday by a Mexican gunboat in the Gulf of Mexico and is now in custody of Mexican port authorities.

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E. Cuba-USSR Photography taken Monday shows that three Soviet P-4 motor torpedo boats were delivered by the Sayanyles. Cuba got six of these small, fast coastal defense craft last June.

F. Jordan Husayn has hopes of getting aircraft and other equipment out of the US during his Washington visit next month. He is hinting that, if such help is not forthcoming, he might ask the Soviets to fill his needs.

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